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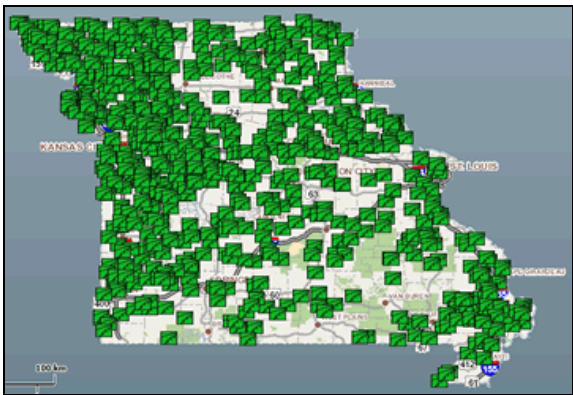
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Two Projects Awarded as Best in Mid-America

MoDOT won top honors in the Mid-America Regional "America's Transportation Awards" competition for a project that was completed ahead of schedule and one that demonstrated the best use of innovation.



The map above paints a pretty dramatic picture of the enormity of the Safe and Sound Project. The fact that it was completed in three-and-a-half years, two years ahead of schedule, is worthy of an award.

The two projects will now compete for the Grand Prize and People's Choice Award. The Grand Prize winner is determined by a panel of transportation experts. The People's Choice Award goes to the transportation project that receives the most online votes from the public. Online voting begins September 4. The winners of both awards will be announced at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Denver in October.

For more information about these projects or the competition, visit www.AmericasTransportationAwards.org.

The awards were presented earlier this month at the annual meeting of the Mid-America Association of State Transportation Officials. MoDOT's winning entries were the statewide Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Project and the Route 5 Shared Four-Lane Project in Camden and Laclede counties. Safe & Sound Project Director Ken Warbritton and Central District Design Engineer Nicole Hood accepted the awards.

Safe & Sound won as the large project in the "Ahead of Schedule" category. The \$685 million project replaced or rehabilitated 802 of Missouri's poorest bridges in three-and-a-half years - two years ahead of schedule. Some 554 of those structures were bridge replacements completed under a single design-build contract with KTU Constructors.

The shared four-lane highway on Route 5 was constructed to improve safety and traffic flow. The innovative highway design provides 18 miles of continuous, alternating passing lanes between Camdenton and Lebanon, allowing motorists to pass other vehicles without driving in opposing traffic lanes. The northern part of the project was built on new alignment, while the southern portion retrofitted the existing highway. The \$34 million project was completed during the summer of 2011.



The shared four-lane highway on Route 5 between Camdenton and Lebanon is a perfect alternative to improve safety and keep traffic flowing on this busy section of highway.

Microsoft Outlook Email is "On The Move"

By Kellen Burns

MoDOT's transition from Lotus Notes to Microsoft Outlook has been getting closer by the day. The Information Systems Division is proceeding with the pilot portion of the project that will move IS to Outlook 2010 starting August 5 through August 9. Starting with the IS division will allow technical staff to provide support and transfer knowledge to help ensure a smooth transition for other divisions and districts at MoDOT. Once the IS pilot is complete, other users will start their transitions to Outlook tentatively beginning August 19.

Since the transition process may extend through the rest of the year, IS will be flexible and work around weather events and other major activities to ensure a great internal and external customer service experience.

It is important to note that no email will be lost or deleted in the transition to Outlook. All employees will have three years of email in their inbox. Email beyond three years will be archived and available to employees through SourceOne. Specific instructions on accessing archived email will be available once migration has been completed.

Information, including training materials regarding the transition are now available on the IS Help site for your review. Be on the lookout for information regarding your transition to the most popular email service soon!



Guidance for MoDOT Employees Who Must Possess a Missouri Commercial Driver's License

by DeAnne Rickabaugh

Recent legislation requires all CDL license holders to confirm their driver status with their state licensing agency. The driving status is being required in order to determine the need for a person to obtain a medical examination certification. Federal law now requires states to store DOT medical certification status and the information on medical examiners' certificates in their commercial driver's license systems.

One step of the process requires Missouri CDL holders to self-certify with the Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR) which of four medical certifications best describes the driver's situation. The DOR is sending postcards to Missouri resident CDL holders informing them to go to a local DOR license office by a certain deadline to declare their status.



MoDOT employees who use their CDL license only for MoDOT work purposes should declare the driver status "*Excepted Interstate (EI)*" in most cases because MoDOT employees who use their CDLs only for MoDOT work purposes are federally exempt from the need for medical certification.

The only exceptions are employees that held a chauffeur's license prior to May 13, 1988 and have a "K" restriction printed on their license. Those employees are exempt from the need to have a DOT medical card and should certify as being "*Excepted Intrastate (EA)*." Also, any employee between the ages of 18-21 must certify as EA status.

Reimbursement of fees for salaried, wage to salary, and seasonal employees is allowed through Personnel Policy 0510. This means that MoDOT will cover all costs to obtain a CDL renewal (newly printed license) but, per policy, will subtract the cost of the regular license fee from the reimbursement amount. For those employees not required to

get a newly printed license (those employees that held a chauffeur's license prior to May 13, 1988 and have a K restriction or those that do not already have any restrictions on their CDL), MoDOT will reimburse the \$2.00 processing fee.

Employees should not get a newly printed license if they are able retain their current license and should only be assessed the \$2.00 processing fee.

Emergency employees are not eligible for reimbursements of renewals or upgrades.

MoDOT employees who use their CDL license in a capacity other than for MoDOT work needs (work for their own business or a secondary employer, etc.) will not likely qualify for the federal exemption. They need to check with their secondary employer to determine what certification should be declared and/or whether they need to be medically certified.

Non-Missouri resident MoDOT employees who have an out-of-state CDL must comply with their home state's requirements regarding the federal requirements and maintain an active, valid CDL status with their home state.

Employees who are required to have a CDL license for their job/work are responsible for maintaining a valid CDL license. Failure to maintain a valid CDL license could lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. It is vital that MoDOT employees certify their driving status with DOR by the deadline provided on the postcard they receive.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact your local Human Resources office or Safety and Health Manager.

Team Talk

by Roberta Broeker

Hello Team MoDOT! Sometimes I think about all the things that happen at MoDOT and I'm amazed. In the past six months, we've had lots of snow, widespread flooding, a fast and furious legislative session, the end of one budget year and the start of another and the resumption of hiring after the Bolder Five-Year Direction. MoDOT is a place where there is always something going on. But do you sometimes wonder how you fit into the big picture? If so, I hope I can help you connect the dots. Because it takes what each and every one of us brings to the party, working together as one team, to keep our customers safe and the transportation system working.

Consider our seven Tangible Results. None of them can be successfully delivered without the efforts of all 5,106 of us. Have you heard of the six degrees of separation theory? The idea is that everyone and everything can be connected to everything else by six or fewer steps. I think the same thing applies to teamwork at MoDOT.



It's easier to see our connectedness with some of our Tangible Results, like using resources wisely and providing outstanding customer service. Every day we can work hard and make the best use we can of the supplies and equipment we have to do our jobs. Every day we can respond quickly and politely to our customers outside and inside of MoDOT. It's our collective effort that delivers the results. So how about a tougher one, such as advancing economic development? What part does each of us play in attracting businesses and creating jobs?

Start with the folks directly involved in the Cost Share/Economic Development Program in Financial Services. This is the part of the STIP where we take \$45 million annually and set it aside to build projects that will create jobs and/or the local community is going to pay at least 50 percent of the cost. We think it's a great program because it dedicates money to help bring the next manufacturing plant (often with

hundreds of jobs) to the state, or uses other people's money (city/county/transportation development district) for part of the cost of an improvement on the state highway system. Communities love it because they get the new jobs or the new road in their area.

But when Financial Services brings a project to the Chief, Assistant Chief and me for approval, before we take it to the Commission to get it into the STIP, that's already the middle of the process. Before that, district and Central Office employees in planning, right of way, design, traffic and highway safety, construction, and chief counsel's office, have reviewed the project to make sure it's a good project, meets the needs, and follows our guidelines. Do the environmental and utilities folks have a dog in the fight? Could be, and if so, they'll take a look. Afterwards, we design it with cool software, build it with testing and quality control, and communicate with the public about when we're working and how it might change travel plans. What about after we cut the ribbon? Then we mow next to it and plow the snow off of it, with equipment we've purchased and maintained out of buildings all over the state. And along the way, people are paying the bills and making sure we have qualified employees on board to do the work and that everyone can communicate with everyone else with email and phones. Have I left anyone out? Probably...because this IS a diverse organization, and we ARE all things transportation.

Everyone's effort is important. What you do every day has an impact on thousands of other MoDOT employees and millions of Missourians.

Thanks for being part of Team MoDOT!

PS – I recently sat down with Senior Human Resources Technician Adam Hoffman to discuss connectedness at MoDOT. Here's a link to the video http://youtu.be/zokl_70yR6Q.

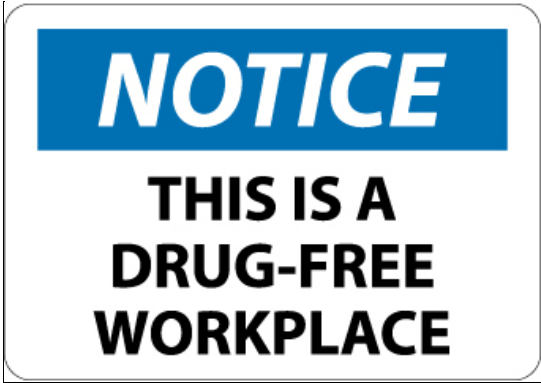
Safety Begins with Me: MoDOT's Drug Control Policies

MoDOT's drug control and testing programs are outlined in three policies: [Policy 2507/Federal Drug Free Workplace Act](#), [Policy 2508/Drug Testing Program](#), and [Policy 2500/Standard Rules of Conduct](#). We all know it's against both policy and the law to report for work under the influence of illegal drugs such as marijuana, cocaine or methamphetamines, but there's more that you, as a MoDOT employee, need to know. Here are some tips to stay in compliance and work safely.

- Use of illegal drugs is prohibited regardless of where and when they were used. It makes no difference whether you're "off the clock" or if the drugs were used in another jurisdiction where they're legal. A positive drug test will result in termination and a lifetime ban from reemployment with the department. While these provisions may seem harsh to some, the type of work we do demands a no-nonsense stance, for safety's sake.
- MoDOT conducts several kinds of drug tests. These include pre-employment testing, random testing for employees in CDL and other

safety-sensitive positions, reasonable suspicion testing, and post-accident testing. All testing is done at state-of-the-art contracted facilities, and is tightly controlled to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and department policies. We use a “split sample” protocol, adding yet another assurance of fairness and accuracy. Details can be found in the policies mentioned above.

- If you are taking prescription drugs that may impair your judgment or performance in any way, you are required to inform your supervisor as soon as possible. Proper use of prescription medication is not cause for disciplinary action, but failure to report use of a legally prescribed drug is, especially if it affects your safety or your co-workers. Remember, management must make these decisions, not you!
- Any time an employee is involved in a vehicle or equipment accident, regardless of the circumstances, the accident must be immediately reported to his or her supervisor and then to risk management. Drug testing is not required for all accidents, but the decision to test or not to test is not up to you or your supervisor. That determination must be made by the Risk Management and Human Resources divisions in consultation with senior management. Regardless, if you are involved in any accident, you are subject to possible testing up to eight hours post-accident for alcohol and up to 32 hours for drugs after the accident. So, don't go home and use alcohol for at least eight hours or non-prescribed drugs for up to 32 hours. Of course, don't use illegal drugs period.
- If you are **convicted** of a violating a criminal drug statute for an offense occurring in the workplace or while conducting official business, you must notify your immediate supervisor no later than five days after the conviction. A guilty plea or bargaining for a suspended imposition or reduction of sentence are considered the same as a conviction.
- While legal in society, you are not permitted to consume alcohol while working or to report to work under the influence of alcohol. MoDOT may require alcohol testing under some circumstances, such as post-accident or reasonable suspicion of working under the influence of alcohol. Be aware that some over-the-counter cold medications contain alcohol and could cause a positive test. For more information, refer to Policy 2511/Alcohol Testing Program.



As a MoDOT employee, you have a vital duty to the citizens of Missouri to work safely and effectively. Intoxication of any kind does not jibe with this obligation. If you would like more information on MoDOT's drug and alcohol policies, contact your local Risk Management or Human Resources staff.

New Safety Videos

New safety videos have been added to the intranet. These are great topics for morning safety discussions or to view on your own. All of these safety messages could potentially save your life. Check them out!

G.O.A.L. (Get Out And Look)

The Kansas DOT created a video showing employees giving first-hand testimonials on backing incidents. The videos have been broken down into three short segments. Listen as employees share their experiences.

MSHP Off-Road Recovery

The Missouri State Highway Patrol created a video that explains how to react if your vehicle runs off the road. Hear the proper steps to recover your vehicle safely back onto the road, and see how it works.

Meth Lab Debris on Roadway

The state of Indiana created a video targeted for Adopt-A-Highway volunteers on what to look for and what to do should you stumble onto meth lab debris. This information fits perfectly for our employees who work along the right of way.

View all videos on the intranet <http://wwwi/intranet/SafetyVideos.htm> (link works for active employees only).

The Off-Road Recovery video can be viewed on the MSHP website - [Off-Road Recovery](#)



Fast Facts - All That Trash!

by DeAnne Rickabaugh

MoDOT spends \$5 million on litter pick-up efforts each year. That's enough to build five average bridges (not major river bridges). Adopt-A-Highway volunteers provide another \$1 million



dollars' worth of donated effort.

Be part of the solution. Responsibly dispose of or recycle your trash. Keep truck beds clear of items that could blow out. Cover loads that could get caught by the wind.

Speak up when you're in the presence of a litterbug. Missouri wildlife, AAH volunteers and maintenance crews who work on clean-up thank you.

What's Happening



Award of Distinction

Joe Dotson, Traffic Supervisor in MoDOT's Southwest District, was the recipient of the 2013 Missouri State Employee Award of Distinction in the category of Safety.

The award is presented to a state employee who has used innovative initiatives to protect and ensure the health and safety of state workers and our customers.

Joe was presented the award last week at the Central Office. See the full story on Joe and his team members' work on the SW District page - [SW District](#)

Joe accepts the award from Governor Nixon. Left to right: Roberta Broeker, MoDOT CFO, Mikala Dotson, Joe's daughter, Mary Dotson, Joe's wife, Joe Dotson, SW District Traffic Supervisor - award winner, Governor Jay Nixon, Pat Turner, Senior Electrician and Eric Bowers, Senior Electrician - Joe's team members. Photo by Shaun Schmitz



Chat With the Chief

Don't forget to check out Chief Engineer Ed Hassinger's blog post. In this recent post Ed talks about confirming his CDL status with the Department of Revenue - [Chat with the Chief](#) (link works for active employees only).



Meal and Mileage Reimbursement Rates Unchanged

Financial Services reminds employees that meal per diem and mileage reimbursement rates for fiscal year 2014 remain the same as last year. The Office of Administration has updated the links on its website.

[Meal Per Diem Rates](#)

[Mileage Reimbursement Rates](#)

If you have questions contact Amy Blankenship, Financial Services Accounts Payable Manager
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MoDOT Service Awards Program Offering New Choices

General Services has found a service awards vendor, MTM Recognition, who will be offering new choices for awards.

Eligible employees will receive their service awards packet in the mail. GS will announce when these packets have been sent, so you will know when to expect them. The packet will clearly be marked MoDOT service awards program and will include instructions on how to place an order for your award.

Although having a new vendor will change the ordering process, your local recognition events will stay the same.



The Final Grab

Intermediate Maintenance Worker Mark Swafford won \$875 during MoDOT's final Safety Jackpot Bag Grab at the Richmond Maintenance Facility Thursday, July 11.

Mark was the 12th and final winner of the Safety Jackpot program. To see all the winners photos and amounts won, check the intranet - [All Winners](#).

We now begin the new safety rewards program. Click below for the details.

SAFETY BEGINS WITH ME AWARDS

Photo: Jim Taylor



Dig this Deal: Kids Ride for \$5 to the Missouri State Fair!

Planning to attend the Missouri State Fair? Make it easier on your nerves and your wallet by taking the family aboard the Amtrak Missouri River Runner with a special fare for the Fair: just \$5 for kids ages 2 to 15, one-way – or \$10 round trip.

Purchase tickets now through Aug. 17 for travel from Aug. 8-18, 2013, to and from Sedalia only. The discount offer must be booked at least a day in advance and is available for up to two children with each full-fare paying adult. Fares are subject to availability.

Refer to discount code V156 when making reservations by phone at 1-800-USA-RAIL (872-7245) or online at [Amtrak.com](#). eTicketing now is available.



Win a MoDOT Centennial T-shirt!

Congratulations to Debra Vinson in Southwest District and Mindy Lawrence in the St. Louis District for earning MoDOT Centennial T-shirts by knowing it was 1937 when it became unlawful to operate a vehicle without an operator or chauffeur's license.

Enter online here: [Quiz](#) or fax your answer, name and phone number to (573) 526-4859 by Friday, Aug. 9 for a shot at the next t-shirt give away (*link works for active employees only*).



We've got a photo quiz this time!

In the late 1960s, a building boom was underway in downtown St. Louis. You'll notice a familiar national landmark near completion in the background, but what is the popular name of the structure in the foreground.

- [Poplar Street Bridge](#)
- [Triple Interstate Bridge](#)
- [Martin Luther King, Jr., Bridge](#)
- [Go Tigers! Beat Illini! Bridge](#)

July Retirements

Donald Bigby - NW - 33 years
Joseph Long - NE - 35 years
Bradley Williams - KC - 30 years
Joseph Donner - KC - 21 years
William Limback - KC - 21 years

Erma Dunkeson - KC - 20 years
Jack Cunningham - KC - 19 years
Belinda Fite - KC - 15 years
Robert Laughhunn - CD - 28 years
Ronald Combs - SW - 29 years

David Lippe - SW - 24 years
Wendell Lockridge - SE - 35 years
Tim Richmond - SE - 26 years
Kevin Keith - CO - 29 years

In Memorium

Kenith White
former D9 – May 20
Paul Frevert
former D5 – June 4
Elza Smith

William Boor
former D1 – June 11
George Keithly
former D3 – June 15
John Knox

Roger White
former D1 – July 5
James Thomas
CO – July 5
Homer Duffer

former D7 – June 6	former D5 – June 16	former D2 – July 5
Dale Lageman	George Isert	William Yoakum
former D4 – June 6	former D2 – June 16	CO – July 9
Willis Shumaker	James Raterman	William Reynolds
former D2 – June 7	former D5 – June 19	former D2 – July 14
George Long	Benjamin Stegall	Floyd Gilliland
former D2 – June 9	former D4 – June 22	former D3 – July 14

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July Health and Safety Tips Backing Safely

Nationally, backing accidents are very common, but usually avoidable when using a spotter. Often in these situations either the driver did not know someone was behind the vehicle or the driver lost sight of the spotter. Here are a few highlights on how to safely work with a spotter as the driver of a vehicle and to safety be a spotter for a driver:

- Hold daily safety discussions with all involved employees to outline and review the procedures and safety items required for the tasks assigned.
- Minimize, to the extent possible, work that must be done by workers on foot near moving vehicles and equipment.
- Define blind spots and prohibit employees on foot from entering these areas.
- All vehicle and equipment operators/drivers, upon entering the work area, should look for an available person to spot for them. If a spotter is not readily available, they should try to find someone to spot for them.
- Spotters should be designated and advised to look at the side mirrors of the backing vehicle or equipment. If they cannot see the driver in one of the side mirrors, they are in a blind spot.
- The equipment or vehicle operator/driver and spotter shall maintain continuous visual and verbal contact.
- If the vehicle or equipment operator/driver loses sight or communication with the spotter, they **SHALL STOP IMMEDIATELY!**
- Operators and drivers shall always obey the signal of the spotter and never back up or move in congested areas without the spotter indicating the path is clear.
- Vehicles and equipment operators/drivers shall have the windows rolled down.
- Neither the vehicle or equipment operator/driver, nor the spotter, shall be speaking on, texting with or otherwise operating or viewing a cell phone or other personal data device.
- The spotter shall stand alone. If the spotter is in conversation with another person, the driver shall **STOP**.
- The spotter shall be aware of the area's hazards for the vehicle/equipment they are spotting, including but not limited to: overhead obstacles, items that could be in the line of impact (buildings, vehicles, trees, etc.), soft ground, ditches/trenches, slopes, etc.
- Spotters must always be aware of the terrain/trip hazards, being careful not to lose their footing.
- Employees on foot shall maintain a safe minimum distance between themselves and the moving vehicles and equipment.
- The spotter shall always have an escape route.
- The spotter shall be wearing MoDOT approved high visibility safety apparel and a hard hat in accordance with Safety Policies 1.0 and 1.6.
- During nighttime spotting operations, in addition to the standard Class III reflective clothing, the spotter shall use a flashlight.



**SAFETY
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Hear real life testimonies about backing incidents from KDOT employees in the G.O.A.L (Get Out And Look) videos posted on the intranet - <http://www.intranet/SafetyVideos.htm> (link works for employees only).

What's Happening at Central Office



During one of the exercises attendees were divided into pairs. One person was blindfolded to simulate vision impairment. The other person was given the task of trying to communicate with their partner without speaking. Photo by Cathy Morrison. See more photos of the workshop on flickr - [workshop](#)

Different Abilities Workshop

Earlier this week the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Division welcomed Jim Casey from Cole County Residential Services, Inc. Jim lead a discussion on the history of disability, etiquette and employment of those who have differing abilities.

Jim is the Executive Director of Cole County Residential Services and has worked in this field more than 30 years.



Live a story. Give a story. Donate blood.

This summer, when you give blood you could give someone time to make their own stories - watching fireworks, having a picnic, rooting for the home team.

What if you could give someone a summer of stories? With the Red Cross, you can.

redcrossblood.org/summer

Missouri Secretary of State Blood Drive

Monday, August 5
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Held in the
Interpretive Center
600 W. Main St., Jefferson City

For an appointment visit redcrossblood.org
Sponsor Keyword: MOState

American Red Cross

Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS today to schedule an appointment.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height), and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of previous ID when you come to donate. © The American National Red Cross 2013 | APL003 3141



CPR Training

Location: HRED Training Room B, 601 W. Main, Jefferson City
For questions contact Danielle.Thomas@modot.mo.gov.

Tuesday, Aug. 6	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 7		12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 8	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	
Tuesday, Aug. 13		12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 15		12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 20		12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19		12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

You are now able to register for CPR classes through LMS! Instructions are below. If you have already emailed Dani about taking a class, your name will be added to the LMS roster.
Sign up now using this LMS Student Center Sign-On link and the instructions below.

- Click the LMS Student Center Sign-On link above.
- Click "Sign On" in the upper right-hand corner.
- Type your Social Security Number twice as requested, then hit OK.
- Click on "Class Schedule" on the left side of the page.
- Select All Classes on the drop down box.
- Type 24597 in the "Search for these words:" field.
- Press "GO"
- Hit the "Select" button next to the course title and date that you'd like to attend
- In the upper right corner, click "Enroll in this Class."
- When prompted "Are you sure you want to enroll...?", click "Yes"

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Bridge to be Rebuilt in Linn County

It is rare that MoDOT must close a bridge due to structural issues, but the Northwest District recently faced that situation on June 6. A routine inspection of the Locust Creek Bridge west of Linneus, Mo. found issues that prompted the immediate closure of the bridge. At the time of the closure, it was not known if the bridge would be closed for a matter of months, or if it might remain closed for a few years.

Much to the relief of the nearly 300 drivers who use the route each day, the bridge is going to be rebuilt sooner, rather than later. Hanson Professional Services, Inc. will serve as the consultant to prepare bridge and roadway plans for the replacement of the bridge. They have already begun surveying the area and will soon begin geotechnical investigations. MoDOT staff is also evaluating environmental, cultural and architectural resources in the project area.



Built in 1938 by Linn County, the bridge became part of the state system in the early 1950s.

If all goes as planned, a contract will be let to replace the old bridge as part of the September 2013 bid opening. Work could begin as early as October 2013 with the route reopened to traffic by spring 2014, hopefully before crop planting season, if at all possible.

Area Travelers Comment on U.S. Hwy 169 Project



Lots of positive work zone survey cards have been pouring in recently in response to the recent project on U.S. Hwy 169 in Buchanan and Clinton counties that began in late May.

In hopes of gaining more information from the public on their opinion of the project work zone, MoDOT sent several hundred of the post cards to Gower residents where a portion of the project runs through. The first wave of the responses have come in, and while some travelers don't enjoy the wait for the pilot car, the majority of the responses say the work zones are

Travelers appreciated the work along nearly 25 miles of U.S. Hwy 169 in Buchanan and Clinton counties which brought much needed resurfacing as well as shoulder improvements and rumble stripes.

definitely worth the end product.

Some of the comments collected include:

“I was hearing some (motorists) complain but I traveled through the work zone every day and had to wait no more than 10 minutes. The improvements to 169 are so good that any wait is well worth it.”

“Waiting is never convenient but I never had to wait for long. I appreciate that!”

“Give the guys an atta boy. A sizeable job complete in a rather short time - job well done!”

Ideker, Inc. was awarded a contract for \$3,560,825 to resurface and add two feet of paved shoulders and rumble stripes to approximately 25 miles of U.S. Hwy 169 from St. Joseph to Trimble. The project begins in Buchanan County at Route FF and continues to the Clay County line. Work zones have consisted of five-mile stretches with a pilot car and a standard 15-minute delay with the anticipated project completion sometime in late July. Much of the work has been 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with speed reductions in the work zones.

More Fun With Chris Cakes

Two additional employee appreciation brunches were held at the Maryville and St. Joseph maintenance facilities on July 10 and 18. Employees were once again treated to pancakes and sausage from Chris Cakes, who entertained while testing employees' hand-eye coordination, as they had to catch their own pancakes which were flung through the air by one of the cooks. The district management team helped serve sausages and drinks and even buttered a few pancakes for the employees.



Senior Highway Designer Brian Rosenthal gets ready to catch a pancake at the brunch held at the St. Joseph Special Crews building.



Senior Maintenance Worker Rod Messner gets a pancake tossed his way at the Maryville brunch.



The building was near capacity for the brunch held at the Maryville Maintenance facility.



District Maintenance and Traffic Engineer Marty Liles helps Senior Maintenance Worker Lee Perkins while General Services Manager Dan Rosenbohm assists Senior Maintenance Worker Corey Amthor.

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Leadership Enrichment for District

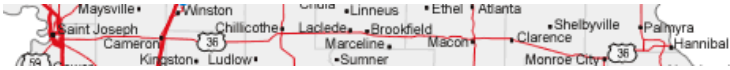
One can say DE's are well travelled...after all, they are required to attend all the Commission meetings, which are held all over the state, besides meeting regularly with communities and key stakeholders. Yet, Paula Gough, the NE District engineer, has had the opportunity to travel even more while learning valuable leadership skills and about Missouri commerce in the Leadership Missouri program.

Thirty-four class members attend the seven-month program and range from educational institutions such as MO State University and Lincoln University, to businesses like the power and cement industry, to individuals such as economic development directors and attorneys.

"My favorite part has been learning more about different areas of the State of Missouri," Paula said. "I enjoy gaining insight and ideas about how to approach our challenges and see how to transfer ideas from other industries and have returned from every session with several nuggets that I will be chewing on for a while," she added.



One of the Leadership Missouri enrichment tours included learning more about emergency management. Paula is pictured here with two of her class colleagues, Sandy Hastings of ServPro in Cape Girardeau, and Madeline Romious of AT & T in Kansas City.



U.S. 36 "Thank you"

My husband & I have driven from Indiana to Nebraska countless times to visit his family over the past 40 years. We have almost always taken I-80 across Iowa. Last week we made that trip again, only I noticed before we left that Google recommended US 36 across Missouri as the preferred route. I doubt that you get very many thank you notes, but that road was an absolute pleasure to drive. It is smooth, light traffic and nice scenery. It also knocked an hour off of our usual time. We only wish it had been available when we had young children in the back seat. :) Thank you for making that route so safe and easy.

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Around the District...

Chuck Schumann, Macon design, was the first one on the scene of an accident Wednesday near Moberly. The story was on KRES Radio's website:
[http://centralmoinfo.com/ MOBERLYWOMAN - INJURED - IN-ACCIDENT/ 16843417](http://centralmoinfo.com/MOBERLYWOMAN-INJURED-IN-ACCIDENT/16843417).
Chuck was the first one on the scene and called 911. He was able to pry the door of the car open and get the woman out of the vehicle to safety until emergency personnel could

get there.



Philip Dauma, son of Tanya, general services, and Rich, played mud volleyball in Hannibal during the National Tom Sawyer Days festivities. Apparently, there was a reporter / photographer from Sports Illustrated at the games, as Philip made the SI.com website (twice). The photo above is one of the shots, and here is a [link](#) to all the mud volleyball shots (this one is photo number 9).



More than 60 people attended a public informational meeting in Warren County about the Route 47 Bridge over the Missouri River at Washington this week. The project is being led by the St. Louis District, and Area Engineer Judy Wagner worked with the NE District to coordinate the meeting. South Area Engineer Erik Maninga explains the proposed replacement process to one of the attendees.



Elena Nemes serves as the outreach coordinator for the NE Coalition for Roadway Safety. Her role is to share safe driving presentations with various audiences all over northeast Missouri. She is pictured here at Camp Inlow doing a distracted driving demonstration with students.

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Kansas City District

Strasburg Overpass Public Hearing Draws Crowd

by Steve Porter



District Design Engineer Jeff Hardy discusses project plans with Strasburg citizens.

A public hearing on plans to build a **Route E overpass at the Union Pacific Railroad tracks** in Strasburg drew more than 40 citizens July 23 at the Strasburg Elementary School.

The project proposes to eliminate the at-grade vehicular crossing of Route E and the railroad tracks in the heart of the Cass County community of 150 residents. Instead, a 27-foot-high overpass would be built over the tracks and Route 58, looping around the south side to the west to connect Route E with Route 58.

Elimination of the at-grade crossing would improve safety for vehicles by segregating highway and train traffic. A pedestrian crossing would replace the at-grade crossing at the current location, providing signals and gates to keep pedestrians from crossing when trains pass. The mainline track is used by

freight trains and the Amtrak passenger trains that run between Kansas City and St. Louis. The railroad also has a siding through the community. Rail and MoDOT intermodal officials are studying the possibility of a second mainline through the community, and the feasibility of high-speed rail that could affect Strasburg.

Some residents asked MoDOT to consider alternatives, while others embraced the concept and understood safety concerns. Right of way needed to build the overpass and approaches would affect several properties, and the owners were present to discuss the plan and offer suggestions.

Kansas City Transportation Project Manager Richard Shipley, District Design Engineer Jeff Hardy, Senior Highway Designer Amy Nash, District Right of Way Manager John Ortner, Senior Customer Relations Specialist Steve Porter and Area Engineer Matt Killion attended the meeting.

District Raises \$3,000 For Sign, Assistance Fund

by Michele Compton



Over the past few months, Kansas City employees have joined together to raise funds for some worthy causes.

Recently the district Design Team hosted a hot dog luncheon that raised more than \$700 for the Employee Assistance Fund.

Thanks to generous participation in the Dunk 'em For Dollars and concession activities/donations at Big Truck Night and the Cap It For A Cause statewide hat sales, we have raised the \$2,400 needed for Clifton Scott's memorial highway signs.

After the signs are purchased, we also will be able to



The Kansas City District Design Team hosted a hot dog luncheon that raised more than \$700 for the Employee Assistance Fund.

donate approximately \$200 to the 10-33 Benevolent Fund established to help families of public servants who are killed in the line of duty.

On July 10, Governor Nixon signed into law House Bill 303. It contains a provision designating a portion of Interstate 70 in Jackson County beginning at Noland Road and continuing eastward within the city limits of Independence as the "Clifton J. Scott Memorial Highway." The highway designation goes into effect August 28.

The district has tentatively planned the official sign unveiling for September 19 at the District Office in conjunction with MoDOT's Day of Remembrance which honors all fallen MoDOT workers. More information will be provided as this date draws near.

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Shared Four-Lane Project Cited as Best in Mid-America

The Route 5 Shared Four-Lane Project in Camden and Laclede counties has won top honors in the Mid America Regional "America's Transportation Awards" competition for the best use of innovation. In addition, MoDOT's Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program won the top award in the category of projects that were completed ahead of schedule. The awards, sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, AAA and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, were presented July 17 at the annual meeting of the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials. Central District Design Engineer Nicole Hood accepted the Route 5 award.

The "shared four-lane" highway on Route 5 was constructed to improve safety and traffic flow. The innovative highway design provides 18 miles of continuous, alternating passing lanes between Camdenton and Lebanon, allowing motorists to pass other vehicles without driving in opposing traffic lanes. The northern part of the project was built on new alignment while the southern portion retrofitted the existing highway. The \$34 million project was completed during the summer of 2011.



Central District Design Engineer Nicole Hood, second from left, accepts the America's Transportation Award for Innovation for the Route 5 Shared Four-Lane Project in Camden and Laclede counties.

The 10 projects with the highest overall scores from all four AASHTO regions will compete for the Grand Prize and People's Choice Award. The Grand Prize winner is determined by a panel of transportation experts. The People's Choice Award goes to the transportation project that receives the most online votes from the public. Online voting begins Sept. 4. The winners of both awards will be announced at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Denver in October.

More information about these projects and the competition can be found at www.AmericasTransportationAwards.org.

Hurricane Deck Bridge Nearing Completion

The new Hurricane Deck Bridge in Camden County became another step closer to completion on July 16 with the pouring of the final section of the bridge's new deck. The new bridge will carry Route 5 over the Osage arm of the Lake of the Ozarks.

“Construction of the new bridge is slightly ahead of schedule,” said Area Engineer Bob Lynch. “There is a good chance we’ll have the bridge open to traffic before the scheduled completion date, which is late 2013.”



The new bridge is located south of Sunrise Beach. When finished, it will be wider than the current bridge, with two 12-foot driving lanes and seven-foot shoulders on each side. It is being built on the east side of the existing structure, which was completed in 1936.

The existing bridge has remained open to traffic during construction of the new structure, so the impact to traffic flow has been minimal. Once the new bridge is completely finished, the original bridge will be demolished. That portion of the project is scheduled to take place in spring of 2014.

American Bridge Company, Inc. of Overland Park, Kansas, is the contractor on the \$32.3 million project, which began in May of 2012.

You can watch the bridge construction in progress via a time-lapsed camera located on the bridge that captures construction images every 10 to 15 minutes. The link can be found on MoDOT's website under Major Projects at <http://www.modot.org/>.

Public Asked to Weigh In on J-turns

The video below provides more information about the Route 63 j-turns.



The Central District Design Division is partnering with the University of Missouri-Columbia's Civil Engineering Department to conduct an online survey to get feedback from motorists about the safety and efficiency of the j-turns on Route 63 near Route 163.

The J-turns were constructed as a part of MoDOT's Route 63 and H interchange project and have been in use since the project was completed in November 2012. The Route 63 J-turn survey can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/mg2dg65> or by visiting MoDOT.org/Central.

District Testing New Surface Treatment

The Central District is trying out an Invia surface-sealing treatment used for pavement preservation on Route V in Gasconade County. The Invia treatment was applied on July 22 and is being tested as a low-cost alternative to chip seals on roads where a chip seal is not practical or cost-effective.

Invia works similar to a chip seal. However, fine aggregate is mixed with the asphalt emulsion and



then is sprayed on the surface all at once. Invia costs less than a typical chip seal and is designed to eliminate the loose aggregate problems and sweeping maintenance associated with most chip seals.

“We’re always looking for new ideas and innovative solutions that help us do our jobs better, faster, safer and cheaper,” said Central District Assistant Engineer Travis Koestner. “We’re currently testing

Invia to see if it’s a low-cost alternative for certain roads. We’re also hoping to use it on major roadway shoulders, because it’s a low-cost, low-risk application.”

This is the first time the Central District has used Invia on a roadway and only the second time MoDOT has used the treatment.

District Happenings



Facilities Operations Specialists Roger Lamb and Lucas Loughridge perform sheet metal work to provide enclosed bays at the California maintenance facility. The enclosed bays will allow crews to work on equipment inside and out of the weather. Andy Goeller also helped with the project.



The new Route Z bridge over I-70 in Columbia is now open to traffic and the westbound ramps leading from Interstate 70 to the Route Z interchange are already open, bringing the Boone County safety-enhancement project two steps closer to completion.

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Heroes Way Memorial Sign Dedication Honors Two Local Soldiers

by Kara Price

Photos by Marie Elliott

The family and friends of a two local soldiers, PFC Andrew J. Habsieger, and SSG James R Ide V, both of Jefferson County, recently hosted Heroes Way sign dedication ceremonies in their honor.

Habsieger was killed in action in Iraq in 2008. Ide was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2010.

Family and friends recently gathered at the VFW American Legion Hall in Festus to unveil the signs in their memory.

MoDOT crews installed the Heroes Way signs immediately after the ceremony at the following locations on Interstate 55 in Jefferson County:

- PFC Andrew J. Habsieger - I-55 at Route 67
- SSG James R Ide V - I-55 at McNutt

The memorial sign recognition is part of the Heroes Way Interstate Interchange Program legislation passed in 2009. Under this legislation, interstate interchanges can be designated for Missouri residents who served in the armed forces and were killed in action on or after September 11, 2001 in Afghanistan or Iraq. In 2011, the original legislation expanded to include state numbered roadways.



Family of SSG James R Ide V, honor him at the dedication ceremony for his new Heroes Way memorial sign. Family of PFC Andrew J. Habsieger also showed hosted a ceremony to unveil his sign.

Donate at District Blood Drive to Help with Shortage

by Kara Price

There is currently a critical blood shortage and the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is issuing an urgent request for blood donations to be sent to St. Louis area hospitals. MoDOT St. Louis' annual blood drive will take place Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MVRBC mobile donor bus in front of the MoDOT District Office, 1590 Woodlake Drive, Chesterfield.

With the recent holiday and summer vacations, blood inventory levels



St. Louis district hosts a blood drive every summer to help support local hospitals and the community. Donate on Aug. 14!

have dramatically decreased. During the summer months, donations can drop by more than 20 percent. Mississippi Valley Blood Center needs our help to prevent having a shortage of blood at the local hospitals. MODOT St. Louis leadership encourages all eligible employees to take time to donate.

The Broadway maintenance building will donate in memory of the late Elmer Hartzell, father of Jan Binger, Broadway maintenance supervisor. They encourage all employees to donate with them.

For more information about this upcoming blood drive and to schedule an appointment, please contact Kara Price, MoDOT Community Relations, at 314-453-1810 or Kara.Price@modot.mo.gov.

Walk-Ins are Welcome! If you have any questions about donating blood, call MVRBC at (800) 591-8049. For more information about donating blood, visit www.bloodcenter.org/donate-blood/default.aspx

Construction on Route 364 Page Extension (Phase 3) is Progressing

by Linda Wilson Horn

Construction is progressing on the four-lane divided freeway for nine miles from Route 94 at Mid Rivers Mall Drive in St Peters to Interstate 64 in Lake Saint Louis. Below is an update on key areas:

Gutermuth Road:

Crews are working day and night moving dirt at Gutermuth Road in Cottleville. During July and August, crews will be building the new bridge to carry Gutermuth Road over Route 364. Pile driving will be done in mid-July for a few days, followed by the construction of the retaining walls and supports for the new bridge. Paving will be done in mid to late August with an opening of the bridge by August 30.



Construction crews are excavating to build a new bridge for Gutermuth Road over new Route 364. The excavated dirt is moved west to create the new base of the highway.

Route K:

Crews are placing dirt on the east side of Route K to prepare for construction of the Route 364 bridge over Route K. Crews are hauling dirt from Bryan Road day and night, Monday through Saturday.

Closing cross streets between Route N and South Outer 364 in mid to late July. July 15, Brassel East and Brassel West between Route N and South Outer 365 will close and South Outer 364 will close.

Two weeks later on Monday, July 29, Twin Chimneys East and Twin Chimneys West between Route N and South Outer 364 will close. The connection of Route N to South Outer 364 at Bates Road will remain open until Route N is built as the North Outer Road connection to Bryan Road, opening by November 1. The emergency only crossing for the O'Fallon Fire Station will remain open for as long as construction activities don't interfere, and the station will be notified later this year when the crossing will have to close.



Excavation is underway at Bryan Road to build the road as a bridge over new Route 364. The excessive material is being

Bryan Road:

Excavation work continues for the construction of the substructure for the new Bryan Road bridge over Route 364.

Henke and Hanley Roads:

Grading work will begin in the area around and between Henke and Hanley roads. The homes purchased by the state on Hanley Road in Dardenne Prairie have been removed. Utility relocations will also begin along Hanley Road.

hauled day and night, six days per week to east of Route K for the new Route 364 interchange at that location.

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PROGRESS IN WEBB CITY: Joplin Senior Construction Inspector David Drake does an air content test on new concrete used on a round-about construction project on Route 171 in Webb City. (Photo by LeAnn Blankenship)



BUILDING UPGRADE IN GALENA: Applying "mud" to drywall during construction of a training and break room at Galena Maintenance is Building Crew Facility Operations Specialist Jeremy Hopper. (Photo by Bob Edwards)

New Diverging Diamond Interchange In Joplin Opens Ahead of Schedule

by Bob Edwards

All the moving parts meshed in a complicated construction sequence, and the diverging diamond interchange on Range Line Road at Interstate 44 in Joplin went into operation many hours earlier than anticipated last weekend.

At 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20, alongside Joplin Police Department patrol cars, Joplin Construction Inspector Ryan Dingman and Intermediate Maintenance Worker Tim Wasson of Incident Response led traffic through the interchange for the first time.

"Everything just kept clicking right along," Joplin Senior Construction Inspector Marvin Morris said of the non-stop weekend effort.

Busy Range Line Road had to be shut down between the I-44 ramps for the final conversion work needed and then reopened as quickly as possible in its new Diverging Diamond Interchange configuration.

If it hadn't gone so smoothly, the reopening would not have taken place until Sunday afternoon or evening.

Planning and Coordination

Joplin Resident Engineer Greg Chapman credited lots of preparation, good communication and coordination among MoDOT inspectors, workers with prime contractor Emery Sapp and Sons and the subcontractors.



Joplin Construction Inspector Ryan Dingman provides background information to a TV reporter covering the new interchange.

He also said significant help was provided by MoDOT personnel who had previous experience opening Diverging Diamond Interchanges in Springfield and Branson, including Traffic Operations Engineer Leo Cologna and Incident Management Coordinator Earl Wallace.

It amounted to "a lot of people just jumping in" and providing their expertise, Chapman said.

Morris agreed.

"It was just a lot of pre-planning," Morris said. "Everybody knew what their part was."

Here's how it happened:

- The ramps connecting Range Line Road and I-44 were aligned and paved in 'round-the-clock work Thursday and Friday.
- The ramp work went quickly and enabled the closing of Range Line Road late Friday night instead of mid-morning Saturday.
- Friday night through early afternoon Saturday, new asphalt pavement was laid on Range Line Road, concrete islands built, signs installed and traffic signals moved into place.

No delays occurred because no crucial piece of equipment broke down, no materials problems developed and no rain fell.

Overseeing the construction work through the weekend were Morris, Dingman and Joplin Senior Construction Inspector Kevin Durbin. Wasson kept on the move updating message boards and helping direct traffic at crucial junctures. Senior Traffic Studies Specialist Dave Taylor made sure the traffic signals were timed and functioning properly.

Joplin police officers maintained a presence throughout the weekend to help with traffic management.

Before last weekend, Chapman and Assistant District Engineer Dan Salisbury, working with the district's Customer Relations staff, provided considerable advance publicity through the Joplin area news media and social media to alert the public to the changes coming on Range Line Road.

The project's completion date is December 1, but it is expected to be completed ahead of that deadline. Total project cost: \$9.2 million.

The Range Line Road/I-44 project is the Southwest District's fifth Diverging Diamond Interchange project.

Initial Public Reaction

Drivers from the Joplin area and those from out of state seemed to have few problems handling the new configuration Saturday. The Diverging Diamond design switches traffic on Range Line Road to the left-hand side of the road, making for safer left turns onto I-44 and smoother progression for through-traffic on Range Line. But the configuration is fairly new and unfamiliar to many.

Here's what drivers, interviewed at random where they stopped at two convenience stores and a restaurant near the interchange, had to say:

- "I found it easy to follow," said Wes Kirby of Austin, Texas.
- Paige Webster of Joplin said that once she got over "The Oh God Effect," her first two trips through the interchange went well. "It's just something new."
- Dennie Oakes of Joplin said he was confused when he approached the interchange. "I think it'll be fine once people become accustomed to it. The main thing is to just pay attention."
- Expressing concern was David Colwell of Carl Junction. "I don't like it. I think you're going to see more accidents." Still, he said he had no difficulty himself navigating the interchange. "It's going to take some getting used to."
- Alfredo Ybarra of Queens, N.Y., said he thought the traffic switch was "weird," but once he drove through, "It was fine."
- Mike Mitchell of Chouteau, Okla., said, "It's nice. I thought it worked real good."
- "I like it," Joplin taxi driver Steftcho Andonov said.

In an email received Monday, Ron Fields of Joplin said he was nearly involved in two crashes while driving Range Line Road on Sunday. He said he thinks the design "is undoubtedly one of the worst ideas I have seen in traffic handling" and "a classic bad government idea." He believes the interchange will be difficult to clear when it snows.

Two Facebook posts also described near misses with the new design. Teresa Gillogly Brothers said she saw a group of cars that went "the wrong way" at one point, staying on the right side of Range Line Road instead of crossing over to the left side, "It'll take some time for everyone to get it. It's going to be a much safer intersection in the long run," she said.

Signal Innovation Recognized by Governor

by Angela Eden

A Southwest District Signal Crew's cost-saving innovation has earned statewide honors and personal congratulations from Gov. Jay Nixon.

District Traffic Supervisor Joe Dotson and Senior Electricians Pat Turner and Eric Bowers visited the State Capitol on Wednesday, July 17, to pick up the 2013 Missouri State Employee Award for Distinction in Safety.

Dotson and the Signal Crew were honored for working to make an electronic flashing sign water tight, less expensive to build and install and easier to maintain.

"It was a team effort for the Southwest District Signal Shop," Dotson said.

The district in 2004 began installing flashing "Red Signal" ahead signs at traffic signals on high-speed routes -- a popular and effective safety feature. But water was able to penetrate the LED component, causing corrosion and keeping the light from flashing.

This problem had to be fixed.

"We started experimenting," Dotson said.

Crew members found a sealed LED component and began building a new version of the sign from available parts.

The crew's version of the advance warning sign worked -- and cost only \$320 to make. The original sign from a vendor cost \$3,200.

The new sign also is "cleaner, brighter and easier to maintain," Dotson said.

Assistant District Engineer Andy Mueller nominated the Signal Crew for its innovation.

"This is a big deal," Mueller said. "It's what we're looking for in everything we do."

The award is presented to state employees who use innovative initiatives to protect and ensure the health and safety of state workers and the public.



Pat Turner, Joe Dotson and Eric Bowers

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Thank You for Your Input!

SE Residents Help MoDOT Gather Comments for the 20-Year Transportation Plan

The Missouri Department of Transportation's On the Move initiative kicked-off with listening sessions across the state. MoDOT then hit-the-streets to gather input for the 20-year transportation plan this April through July.

"We want to thank Southeast Missourians for making transportation a priority and taking time to tell us what they would like to see in the future," said Southeast District Engineer Mark Shelton.

He explained that MoDOT's On the Move Ambassadors visited 93 communities within the Southeast District's 25-county region during the mobile tour.

"Across the state, we received over 7,500 comments, and many of these came from the residents in our region," said Shelton. "Now, we want to make sure we heard what you told us."

The next step in the On the Move initiative will include presenting a draft of the plan for public review this summer. The final plan will be presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for approval in January 2014.

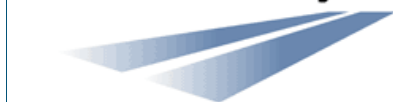
To stay up-to-date on MoDOT's On the Move efforts, please visit www.missourionthemove.org.



On the Move Ambassadors spoke with Missourians as the "Great Race" made its way through Cape Girardeau.

SE Coalition Awards 2014 Law Enforcement Grants

**Southeast Coalition
for Roadway Safety**



The Southeast Coalition for Roadway Safety has awarded Law Enforcement Grants for 2014 to 19 agencies, in an effort to improve roadway safety in Southeast Missouri. Applications were accepted from the 25-county area of the Southeast region.

Grants were reviewed by executive members of the SE Coalition, which includes personnel from law enforcement agencies, health care advocates, state government agencies and private businesses. Awards were based on greatest need and the proposed impact on

reducing fatalities and injuries on Missouri's highways. Verification of a departmental seat belt policy was required and agency involvement with the Coalition was also considered.

Law Enforcement Grants can be used to help cover the cost of overtime and equipment for DWI checkpoints, saturation patrols, and law enforcement. By partnering with local law enforcement, the SE Coalition hopes to decrease the number of fatal and disabling accidents in Southeast Missouri.

Agencies awarded funding include:

- Bell City Police Department
- Bernie Police Department
- Bloomfield Police Department
- Cape Girardeau Police Department
- Fredericktown Police Department
- Hayti Heights Police Department
- Houston Police Department
- Iron County Sheriff's Office
- Kennett Police Department
- Licking Police Department
- Miner Police Department
- Mountain Grove Police Department
- Mountain View Police Department
- Perry County Sheriff's
- Piedmont Police Department
- Pilot Knob Police Department
- Scott County Sheriff's Office
- Summersville Police Department
- West Plains Police Department

Hartville Resident Appreciates Route 38 / 5 Project

Please read the comment below from Mr. Rich Rosenkoetter:

Excellent job on the intersection reconstruction at 38/5 in Hartville. It was well thought out and engineered, We should have no more problems with asphalt "rolling up." Also, thanks for all the resurfacing of 38 in Webster County and of 5 in Wright County, and the rebuilding of the 38 bridge east of Hartville. Keep up the good work!!!

MHTC to Visit Farmington in August

The monthly meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 at the Farmington Civic Center, Two Black Knight Drive. The meeting is open to the public and media.

The Commission is a six-member bipartisan board that governs the Missouri Department of Transportation. Members are appointed for a six-year term by the governor and are confirmed by the Missouri Senate.

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